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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 16, 2001

PETITION OF

MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CASE NO. PUC000327
and
MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

For Commission Order against
Verizon Virginia Inc. for
Inadequate and Discriminatory
Intrastate Access Services
Provisioning

ORDER APPOINTING HEARING EXAMINER

On December 8, 2000, MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc., and MCI WORLDCOM Communications of Virginia, Inc. (collectively "WorldCom"), filed its Petition seeking an order by the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") against Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") for inadequate and discriminatory intrastate access services provisioning. Pursuant to the Commission's Order Directing Responsive Filings, issued December 19, 2000, Verizon Virginia filed on January 17, 2001, its Answer and Motion to Dismiss.¹ On January 29, 2001, WorldCom filed its Reply to Verizon's Motion to Dismiss and Answer.

The Commission, having considered the Petition, all responsive pleadings filed, and the applicable law, now finds that Verizon Virginia's Motion to Dismiss should be denied.

¹ On January 22, 2001, Verizon Virginia filed a letter correcting allegations made on page 24 of its Motion to Dismiss.

The Commission appoints a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter and make a final report thereon, pursuant to Rule 7:1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Motion to Dismiss filed by Verizon Virginia is hereby DENIED.

(2) A Hearing Examiner is hereby appointed to conduct all further proceedings pursuant to Rule 7:1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(3) This case is continued generally.